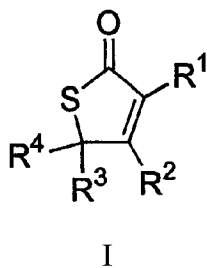


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula I:



wherein:

$R^1 = H$

$R^2 = -OH, -OR^5, -OCH_2C(O)R^5, -OCH_2C(O)NHR^5, -OC(O)R^5, -OC(O)OR^5,$   
 $-OC(O)NHNH-R^5, \text{ or } -OC(O)NR^5R^6,$  where  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are each independently H,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and where  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  can each optionally contain halogen atoms;

$R^3 = H, C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl,  
arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

$R^4 = C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

with the proviso that when  $R^2$  is  $-OH, -OCH_3,$  or  $-OC(O)CF_3$  and  $R^3$  is  $-CH_3,$  then  $R^4$  is not  $-CH_2(C_6H_5),$  or  $-CH=CH-CH_3,$  and

the further proviso that when  $R^3$  is  $-CH_2-(C_6H_5),$  then  $R^4$  is not  $-CH_3$  or  $-CH_2CH_3.$

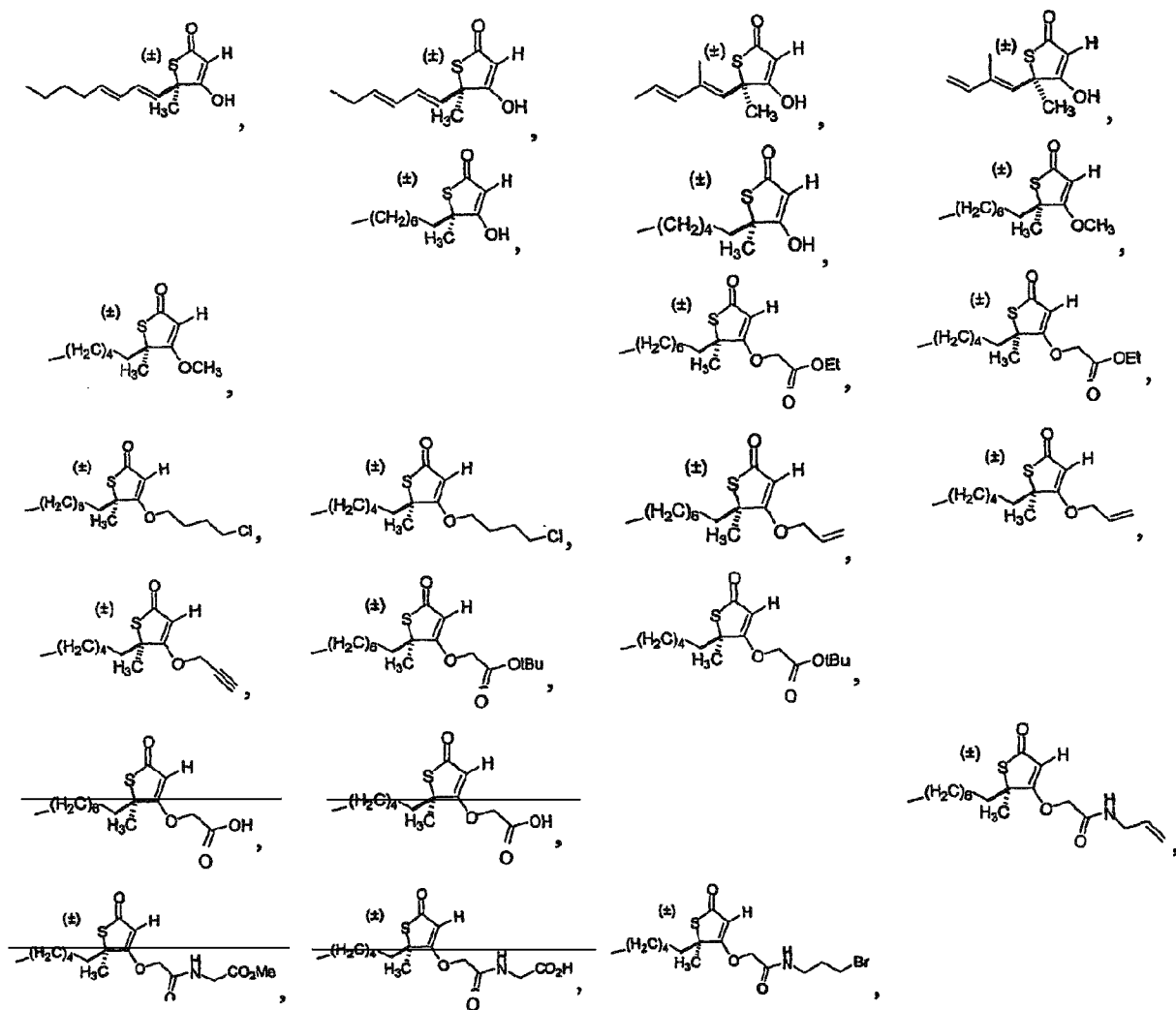
2. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^5$  is H,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl or alkylaryl.

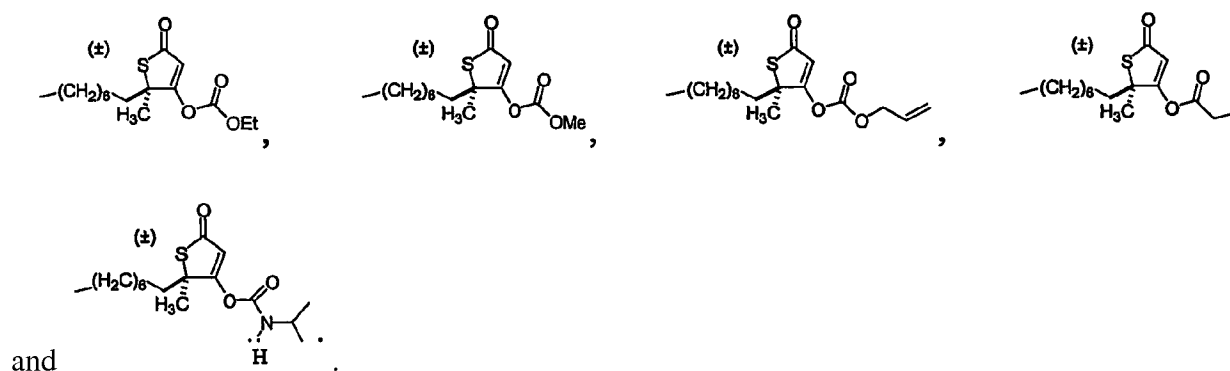
3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein  $R^5$  is H, or  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl.

4. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^3$  is H,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and  $R^4$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl,

arylalkyl.

5. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 4, wherein  $R^3$  is H, or  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl, and  $R^4$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl.
6. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein,  $R^3$  is  $-H$  or  $-CH_3$ .
7. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^4$  is  $-nC_6$ - $C_8$  alkyl.
8. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:





9-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and a compound according to claim 1.

19-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, where:

$R^1$  is H;

$R^2$  is  $-\text{OCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^5$ , where  $R^5$  is  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_{10}$  aryl containing a halogen atom;

$R^3$  is  $-\text{CH}_3$ ; and

$R^4$  is  $-\text{n-C}_6\text{-C}_8$  alkyl.

57. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and the compound of claim 56.

58-66. (Cancelled)